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1. (U) THE TUPAC AMARU REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT (MRTA) AND THE SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORIST GROUPS EACH CARRIED OUT SIGNIFICANT ATTACKS IN PERU DURING PAST SEVERAL DAYS. MRTA SET OFF FIVE BOMBS IN LIMA AT ABOUT 6:00 A.M. ON JANUARY 20. FOUR OF THE TARGETS WERE EXCLUSIVE RESTAURANTS, INCLUDING THE PABELLON DE

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LA CAZA, LOS TRONCOS, THE TRECE MONEDAS, AND THE RESTAURANT IN THE HOTEL CESAR; A STORE WAS ALSO DAMAGED. FIVE PERSONS REPORTEDLY WERE WOUNDED BY THE EXPLOSIONS. IN ADDITION, MRTA MEMBERS REPORTEDLY TOOK OVER A RADIO STATION IN CHIMBOTE BRIEFLY SAME DAY TO BROADCAST PROPAGANDA, FOUR DAYS AFTER ITS WIDELY IGNORED JANUARY 16 TAKEOVER OF SEVERAL RADIO STATIONS IN LIMA (IN WHICH MRTA REPORTEDLY DENOUNCED

PRESENCE OF SENATOR KENNEDY

2. (U) PRESUMED SL MEMBERS SET OFF ABOUT TEN BOMBS AT 4:00 P.M. ON JANUARY 20 IN THE SIERRA CITY OF CERRO DE PASCO. TERRORISTS BOMBED AN APRISTA PARTY OFFICE, REPORTEDLY WOUNDING EIGHT PERSONS; THEY ALSO DAMAGED SEVERAL ELECTRICAL GENERATORS, WOUNDING

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ADDITIONAL PERSONS AND INTERRUPTING ELECTRICAL POWER TO A NUMBER OF MINES IN PASCO DEPARTMENT.

3. (C) COMMENT: MRTA ATTACK RECALLS ITS 1965 FIRE-BOMBINGS OF KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN, WITH TWIST THAT NEWEST TARGETS ARE MORE EXCLUSIVE AND IDENTIFIED MORE WITH LOCAL POWER STRUCTURE. (TRECE MONEDAS RESTAURANT, FOR EXAMPLE, IS LOCATED NEAR CONGRESS AND IS HEAVILY FREQUENTED BY PARLIAMENTARIANS). THESE AND OTHER RESTAURANTS OF THIS CALIBER ARE ALSO USED BY USG COMMUNITY AND U.S. TOURISTS.

4. (C) MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF SL ATTACK IN CERRO DE PASCO IS ITS OCCURRENCE FIVE WEEKS AFTER 30P LIFTED STATE OF EMERGENCY IN PASCO AND SIX OTHER PROVINCES (REFTEL). MILITARY IS ALREADY CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION IN UPPER HUALLAGA VALLEY (WHERE POLICE REPORTEDLY HAVE NOT SENT PERSONNEL TO REPLACE
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MILITARY) AND IN ANDAHUAYLAS PROVINCE (APURIMAC DEPARTMENT), WHERE THREE SL ATTACKS THIS MONTH FOLLOWED LIFTING OF STATE OF EMERGENCY. MILITARY AND OTHERS IN GOP MAY WELL CITE THIS LATEST SL ATTACK, IN ADDITION TO OTHER INDICATIONS SL IS INCREASING ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE ITS TRADITIONAL AREAS, TO ARGUE AGAINST FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN THE EMERGENCY ZONE. (CURRENT EMERGENCY DECREE ENDS FEBRUARY 5).

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